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MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2022 MEETING – CITY OF CARENCRO

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jan-Scott Richard, COG President & Scott Mayor, called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

2. SILENT PRAYER & PLEDGE

Mayor Richard offered a silent prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

All in attendance were introduced. All COG entities were in attendance, except for the City of Broussard.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

A motion was offered and seconded to approve the minutes of the COG meeting of August 18, 2022. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was offered and seconded to adopt the Treasurer's Report with a balance of \$3,135.27. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

a. MUNICIPALITY UPDATES

- i. **Carencro** – Mayor Glenn Brasseaux offered an update on the force main project that extends from the sewer plant behind Prejean's Restaurant through the City of Carencro, in addition to the installation of new water mains being funded with federal dollars. He added that the City of Carencro is in the process of selling bonds for a new police station and a new sewer plant.
- ii. **Duson** – Mayor Johnny Thibodeaux thanked all veterans for their service to our country. He announced that the Town of Duson presented its 2023 budget and was able to provide a 3% raise to all of its employees. He noted that the Town was about to secure a sewer grant for future growth and capacity and announced expansion of subdivisions and new phases in development, along with additional forthcoming developments. Mayor Thibodeaux proudly declared that all of the Town of Duson's elected officials ran their elections without opposition.

- iii. **Scott** – Mayor Richard provided updates on residential and infrastructure growth, improvements to Apollo Road & Cameron Street, the LUS Fiber expansion into the City of Scott, and the eager anticipation for the new Councilmembers that have been recently elected to the City Council.
- iv. **Youngsville** – Mayor Ken Ritter extended kind words to Mayor Brasseaux and Carencro City Manager Don Chauvin and congratulated everyone who won their elections. He signaled a strong economy and reported an increase in sales taxes within the City of Youngsville. Mayor Ritter stated that city officials were able to move into the new municipal complex this past Monday. He forecasted that their focus over the next few years will be on roads. Mayor Ritter added that the City of Youngsville just sold bonds and that the expansion of the Youngsville Sports Complex is currently underway.
- v. **Lafayette Consolidated Government** – Mayor-President Josh Guillory expressed well-wishes to Mayor Brasseaux. He acknowledged great synergy within the City and Parish of Lafayette. He provided an update on the new Parish jail, which is proposed to be constructed without raising taxes, will not be privatized, and should provide for economic wins throughout the Parish. Mayor-President Guillory reported on the creation of Operation No Throw, through partnership with Parish Proud, which is creating efficiencies. On the City of Lafayette side of the government, the Lafayette Science Museum is partnering with University of Louisiana at Lafayette to operate the facility, along with various partnerships with the Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Department, which will result in savings. He closed by giving updates on the expansions of Brown Park and Moore Park, along with the skate park at Thomas Park and the Bike Lafayette initiative. Mayor-President Guillory reminded the mayors in attendance that the mayors’ meeting for the month of November is forthcoming and he announced that his is running for reelection in 2023.
- vi. **Lafayette Parish School Board** – School Board Member Elroy Broussard gave updates on behalf of Lafayette Parish School Board, to include mentions of the new Truman, Carencro Heights, Prairie Elementary, and Lafayette High Schools. He reported that the Board authorized the purchase of the former Walmart building on the north side of Lafayette to house warehousing and nutrition officers. Mr. Broussard announced that the new Lafayette Parish School System central office should be open by mid-2023 and school progress grades are improving throughout the Parish, but the System is experiencing teacher and other personnel shortages.

7. OTHER MATTERS

- a. Mayor Richard thanked the officials and staff from the City of Carencro for hosting the meeting and for providing the meal. He reminded everyone that the next COG meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2023 and that the meeting will be hosted by the City of Scott.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.